



LEDBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1940.

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LEDBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Staff of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health:

WILLIAM HOGG, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., M.R.S.I.

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Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and
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W. PARKS, M.R.S.I.

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LEDBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,
County Offices,
Alton Street,
Ross-on-Wye.
December 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health Services of your District for the year ended December 1940. The Report has been greatly abbreviated and is to be regarded as an interim report only.

I have to thank Mr. H.W. Orme, Clerk to the Council, Mr. A.T. Thomas, Accountant and Mr. W. Parks, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, for assistance in the preparation of this report.

I have to acknowledge the help and support which the Council has continued to give me throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

William Hogg

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A: STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£17,900
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£70.17

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:

	For I.M. etc.			For B.R. etc.			
	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	
<u>Live Births.</u>							
Legitimate	46	30	16	45	30	15	
Illegitimate	3	2	1	3	2	1	
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.9
<u>Stillbirths</u>	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil

<u>Deaths.</u>	66	35	31				
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population (crude)							21.9
Adjusted death rate (Factor 0.83)							18.2

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List).

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 - Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.	Nil.
No. 30 - Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.	Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	122
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	130
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	3
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	nil

SECTION B: GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

A list of the Public Health Officers of the Authority is given on page 1 of this report.

Laboratory Facilities:-

The following is a summary of the number of specimens examined at the County and City Laboratory, Hereford, from the District during the year:-

Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	22
Swabs for Streptococci	...	...	9
Sputa for Tuberculosis	...	...	16
Faeces for organisms	...	...	3
Water -			
Chemical	...	...	3
Bacteriological	...	...	4

SECTION C: SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. No important change was made in the water supply of the Area. Two samples of water from the town supply were sent to a laboratory for bacteriological examination and both satisfied the standard for a safe potable water. One sample of the water from the town supply examined chemically and this showed the water to be of a high quality.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There have been no important extensions of sewerage during the year.

Public Cleansing.

This continues to be carried out satisfactorily.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Inspections. -

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	nil
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	3
Housing and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	142
Housing Consolidated Regulations 1923	...	...	...	...	nil
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	21
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	14
Factories without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	14 1/2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	18
					<u>208</u>

Notices Issued:-

Informal	...	...	...	...	14
Statutory re Housing	...	...	...	...	nil
Statutory under other Acts	...	...	...	...	16

Summary of Defects Remedied:-

Housing Defects Remedied	...	...	...	...	165
<u>Disinfection re Infectious Disease</u>	...	...	...	...	19

SECTION D: HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:-

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	...	...	...	...	55
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	65
Number of dwelling houses (included under above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	...	...	...	...	nil
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	55

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	...	...	...	...	55
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SECTION E: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

Milk Supply:-

There are no registered producers of milk in the area and consequently no inspections of farms of dairies were made.

Eight retailers are registered. No samples were taken for bacteriological examination during the year.

Meat and Other Foods:-

It has not been possible to carry out a complete inspection of meat etc. exposed for sale in the district, although a certain amount of this work has been done.

SECTION F: PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year, 33 notifications of infectious disease occurring within the District were received by the Department. Eighteen of these were notifications of scarlet fever, of which 11 notifications were received during the third quarter of the year.

Apart from scarlet fever the incidence of infectious diseases was insignificant. The health of the town during the year can therefore be regarded as very satisfactory.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1940:-

Disease.					Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	3	6
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	18	-
Measles	...	...	...	...	2	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	1	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1	-
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	3	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	-

Analysis of Total Notified Cases according to Age:-

Disease.	Age Groups.												Totals.
	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	10+	15+	20+	35+	45+	65 and Over	
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	31
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1	-	-	11	4	1	-	1	-	-	18
Measles.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	1	-	1	3	-	14	4	2	3	1	1	2	32

Tuberculosis:-

At the end of 1939 there were 17 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register, 13 cases of pulmonary and 4 cases of non-pulmonary disease. During the year 4 pulmonary cases were added to the Register. Four names were removed during the year and on 31st. December, 1940 13 cases of pulmonary and 4 cases of non-pulmonary disease remained on the Register.

New Cases and Mortality during 1940:-

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5+	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15+	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
25+	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35+	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
45+	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55+	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-

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